

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 21-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. No new matter is added. Support for the amended claim can be found on page 4, lines 15-19 of the specification.

Claims 1-5, 7-15, 17 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,511,148 to Wellner in view of Japanese Patent 11-098440 to Takeshi further in view of Japanese Patent 07-219068 to Naoki et al. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Wellner in view of Takeshi and Naoki further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,416,186 to Nakamura. Finally, claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Wellner, Takeshi and Naoki further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0126302 to Fukao. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, now recites "whereby the display section is configured to allow a user to verify whether a predetermined image is drawn on the image-forming surface, to avoid a production of unintended results, and to improve drawing data creating efficiency." Neither Wellner, Takeshi, Naoki, Nakamura nor Fukao disclose or suggest this feature.

Furthermore, Wellner discloses that a camera projector system projects text or images on a work surface to be manipulated by a user by, for example, pointing with fingers and tapping on the surface. Claim 1 recites "an image forming surface on which a tangible image is formed...unlike intangible images such as projected images." As such, the projected text or images of Wellner are not tangible images as recited in claim 1. Additionally, Takeshi, Naoki, Nakamura and Fukao all fail to disclose a tangible image.

Accordingly, the applied references do not disclose or suggest all the features of claim 1, and claims 2-17 and 21-23 depending therefrom. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections of claim 1, and claims 2-17 and 21-23 depending therefrom, is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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